



Peabody Preschool Newsletter June 2014

May in review:

Children have been planting carrots and beans in the garden and lima beans and grass in the classroom. After a visit to Pemberton Farms and walks in the neighborhood to look at plants, flowers and trees they decided to turn dramatic play into a flower shop. They are buying and selling plants and tools to use in the garden. After a vote they named their shop "Pemberton Flower Shop".

Their shared reading book is "In the Tall Tall Grass". They have been busy painting, gluing, and cutting many materials to create the different creatures in this book for a mural.

We were on the move this month with field trips to Drumlin Farm, Castle Island and the DWP Road Show.

On our field trip to Drumlin Farms, Special Start joined us. It has been so much fun having a sing along with them every other week this year. We loved having the opportunity to share a bus with them so they could join us on the trip to the farm. It was a wonderful time.

Castle Island was a little cold, but it didn't matter to the children who had fun collecting rocks, shells and crab shells on the beach.

The DPW Road Show is always a good time. Children were excited to explore the many different types of trucks the city has to offer.

Children have also been observing an ant farm, snails and lady bugs in the science area.



Planting in the garden and the classroom



Field trips:

June 3 Tuesday Discovery Museum - Bag Lunch Bus leaves at 9:30 be here by 9.

June 4 Wednesday Sennott Park—"Made in the Shade" Concert - No lunch. Children will have Pizza, Watermelon and water for lunch. Public Transportation at 9:30

June 12 Thursday Alewife reservation

June 17 Tuesday Swan Boats leaving at 9:30 public transportation.

We will be having a Pizza Party on **Thursday June 26th** as we will saying good-bye to Annie and Colton who will leave on June 30th. Colton is taking the summer off and returning in September. Annie is spending time with her family this summer. We will miss Annie as she moves on to kindergarten.

A big welcome to our new families of Bronwen Hay, Sanika Srivastave and Benjamin Scott who will start on July 1st.

We will be having our last parent conferences on June 11,12, 13,17,18,19 Sign up sheet will be next to sign in sheet.

We will be passing out our NAEYC Family Survey soon. It is important that we get as many back as possible as we are being accredited this year. I will have an envelop on next to the sign in sheet for you to place the surveys. Thank you for your support.

Vacations: Diane June 9-16 Michaelle June 18, 19, 20

Kim June 23-27



Revisiting the garden to monitor and water the seeds.



Children drawing their observations of the ant farm that Elizabeth brought into the classroom.

Painting the mural for the "In the Tall Tall Grass". Children made caterpillars, bats, worms, ants and many other creatures. Two children are working in the Pemberton Flower Shop.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

For information about the **Cambridge Public Schools** call the **Family Resource Center** at 617-349-6551. Multilingual voice mail 617-349-6550 (Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Spanish).

Cambridge Public School Department Office of Special Education (3 yrs or older) 159 Thorndike St. Cambridge 02139 (617)-349-6500 www.cpsd.us

Cambridge-Somerville Early Intervention provides developmental services for children under age three at risk for developmental delays. If you are concerned about your child's development, call 617-629-3919.

Cambridge Public Library has branches in many neighborhoods that offer a variety of activities for families. Call 617-349-4038 or go to www.cambridgema.gov/cpl.aspx

Childcare Care Choices of Boston (CCCB) 105 Chauncy St, 2nd floor, Boston. 02111, (617)-542-5437 Fax number: 617-292-4629 <http://www.childcarechoicesofboston.org/index.asp> cccb@bostonabcd.org

Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) runs many programs for children and families including **Preschool** and School Age **Childcare**, **Community Schools**, and **Youth Centers** around the City. For information, call 617-349-6200 or see www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp.aspx

Community Learning Center offers adult education, including GED and ESOL (617)-349-6363

Cambridge Multi-Service Center provides housing information and assistance to families from Cambridge who is at risk of becoming homeless. Call 617-349-6340.

Cambridge Food Pantry Network provides food to families around the city. For information, call the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (CEOC) at 617-868-2900.

Children's Clothing Exchange is a program of Solutions at Work. The Exchange takes children's clothes in good condition to trade for other clothes or equipment. Call for information: 617-576-0039. Roosevelt Towers, 391 Evereteze Way, Cambridge 02139 www.solutionsatwork.org

Cambridge Program for Individuals with Special Needs serves people with special needs from school age to adults. There is an after school group and a Saturday morning recreation program. Call 617-349-6200 for information.

Cambridge Somerville Resource Guide has listings for more services in the community. Look on the internet at: www.cambridgesomervilleresourceguide.org if you are not able to find what you want, call the Center for Families (617)-349-6385.

Cambridge Fuel Assistance 51 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139 (617)-349-6252

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (Child Care, Food Pantry, Tax Service, Tenant Help) 11 Inman Street, MA 20139 (617)-868-2900

Cambridge/Somerville Legal Services 60 Gore Street, Cambridge, 02141 (617) - 603-2700

Cambridge Health Alliance Connections 1493 Cambridge St. Cambridge, 02139 1- (877)-637-2273 Free services that will help find affordable health insurance, understand your choices, and finding a doctor.

Reminders:

- Check extra clothes for underwear, socks, pants, shirt, shoes (add more when they get used).
- Lunches stay in cubbies, (you will need icepack for cold items and thermos for hot items)
- Remember to put silverware in lunch boxes.
- No medications, left in cubbies. Give to teacher immediately.
- Money stays home
- Home toys stay home
- Jewelry stays home
- Candy stays home
- Wash sheets and blankets on Friday. Return clean on Monday
- Chap sticks need to be given to a teacher to dispense.

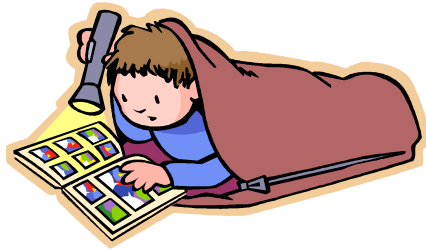


Reminder:

Street Cleaning around the Peabody School will take place on the odd side of the street Wednesday June 18th and on the even side on Thursday June 19th.



The Center for *Families'*
Annual Family Fun Day
will be held at Rindge Field
(behind Peabody School,
70 Rindge Ave),
Saturday, June 28th,
with lots of fun
activities for children 0-8
years & their families!
Free light lunch will be
served. For more information,
call 617-349-6385 or
e-mail centerforfamilies@cambridgema.gov
If it is raining, the fun will
move indoors to the Peabody
School gym.



Pajama Story Time

*Wednesday June 25th, 6:45pm-7:30pm
O'Neill Library (70 Rindge Ave.)*

Come to the library to listen to stories, read with your children, and have a snack before bed. Feel free to come dressed in your favorite pajamas! There will be FREE book giveaways. No need to register, just come!



Drumlin Farm



Road Show





Castle Island



Abigail's Birthday was May 20th



Happy 5th Birthday Abigail!

